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MEMORANDUM FOR: IHC Members

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Chairman, IHC

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SUBJECT: Proposal to Undertake a IHC-Sponsored Initiative for the
Community Information Retrieval System (CIRS) Open
Literature Node

1. Under the Community Information Retrieval System (CIRS) plan, as approved by the DDCI, the Foreign Technology Division of the US Air Force System Command was designated to serve as the open literature node for CIRS. To effectively serve the Intelligence Community, it is imperative that FTD be aware of all open literature processing programs currently underway within the Community. This information will allow FTD to properly plan for making the results of each open literature processing program accessible to the entire Community through CIRS. By open literature processing programs we mean any ongoing, systematic effort which acquires, evaluates and processes foreign open literature for the use of any segment of the Intelligence Community. The processing can take the form of an abstracting and indexing process, a translation process or a combination of both processes.

2. To accomplish this, it is proposed that personnel in FTD's Directorate of Data Services (NI) be directed to survey and identify all IC open literature programs and make recommendations as to their inclusion in CIRS. We ask that all elements of the Intelligence Community which are contacted by FTD/NI personnel extend their full cooperation to this effort.

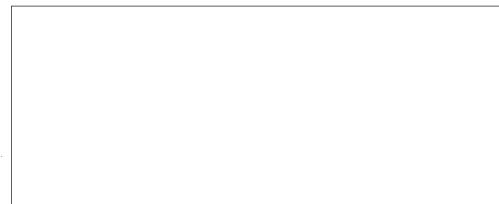
3. The intent of this undertaking is to identify and evaluate the products of open literature processing sponsored, funded or conducted by IC organizations for their applicability to the Community Information Retrieval System. This evaluation must encompass scope and magnitude of the processing, current users of the product, and form and format of the product of processing. It must be emphasized that the CIRS effort is not intended to supplant or assume responsibilities of the processing activity, but is intended to assure wide availability of the products of that processing to the entire Intelligence Community.

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4. Request that you a) review this proposal, b) estimate the number of elements in your organization that are involved in open source processing, and c) be prepared to discuss this proposal at our 28 September 1984 IHC meeting.

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